Accreditated dope testing laboratory

1850. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there is no DOPE testing laboratory in India meeting international standard and/or recognised by International Olympic Association;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps contemplated, if any, for elimination of inadequacy in such an important infrastructure in the sports sector; and

(d) whether Government have been seeking co-operation of the autonomous sports bodies in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the response of those bodies?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA): (a) to (d) Sports Authority of India (SAI) has a Dope Control Centre in New Delhi. However, this Centre is yet to be accredited by Medical Commission of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). For accreditation of the Medical Commission of IOC, ISO 9001 and ISO 17025 certifications are mandatory requirements. The Dope Control Centre at SAI has received ISO 9001 certification in December, 2002 and is in the process of getting ISO 17025 certification, which would facilitate early accreditation of the Dope Control Centre of SAI.

Pathetic conditions of former sports persons

1851. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN:
SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of sportspersons, who once earned laurels to the country in International Sports events are now languishing in penury;

(b) if so, whether Government have identified such sportspersons;